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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BISHOP ET AL.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 7-12 and 43-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 7-12 and 43-50 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on November 6, 2006 has been entered.

Status of Claims

AS per the amendment submitted on 11/6/2006, claims 5 and 43 have been amended and claim 6 has been canceled. Thus, claims 5, 7-12 and 43-50 remain pending.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to the amended claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5, 7-12 and 43-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guheen et al. (hereinafter Guheen), US 6,473,794 B1 in view of Foss et al. (hereinafter Foss), US 6,298,444 B1.

Claims 5-12

5. Guheen discloses a method for protecting a network server from being used as the basis of an attack on a network client, the method comprising (column 43, lines 34-67; column 248, lines 38-45) and restricting access to said network server to a portion of said network server for at least a selected protocol (column 17, directory services; column 276, line 34-277, line 24). Guheen does not explicitly disclose scanning said portion of said network server for particular characters, said particular characters being associated with said selected protocol and removing said particular characters such that a security risk posed by said selected protocol is reduced.

Foss, however, discloses a data scanning network security system wherein portions of a network server are scanned for particular characters, said particular characters being associated with said selected protocol and removing said particular characters such that a security risk posed by said selected protocol is reduced (column 4, lines 5-50, column 5, lines 3-11 and lines 39-45, column 6, lines 20-25, column 7, lines 1-3, 48-59). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Guheen's network security system to include scanning of electronic data transfer to a server to ensure that harmful or unwanted characters do not enter a network, as per teaching of Foss (column 1, line 8-column 2, line 39).

7. The method of claim 5, further comprising replacing said particular characters with benign characters such that a security risk posed by said selected protocol is reduced (column 272, line 30-column 259, line 30).

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8. The method of claim 5, wherein said characters are hostile characters and wherein if a request contains any of said hostile characters, the request is rejected (column 273, lines 16-34; column 280, lines 19-39).

9. The method of claim 5, further comprising logging said particular characters to form a security log (column 266, lines 12-21, column 268, lines 20-36, column 286, lines 13-58).

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising reviewing said security log to determine whether said particular characters are hostile (column 43, line 34-column 44, line 8).

11. The method of claim 5, wherein said protection of the network server is accomplished during an electronic purchase transaction (column 251, lines 34-36).

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the electronic purchase transaction is conducted using a digital wallet (column 17, java wallet; column 261, lines 30-53).

Claims 43-50

43. Guheen discloses a computer-implemented method for protecting a network server from being used as the basis of an attack on a network client, the method comprising: a. receiving a request for a connection at said server from said network client (figure 87, 2613; receiving user indicia); d. verifying that any response from said network server to said network client is void of said particular characters (fig 88, 2700; allowing browser-based authentication with user

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verification data); and e. providing said response from said network server to said network client (fig 88, 2702; granting access to at least one of application and system data based on the user verification data).

Guheen does not explicitly disclose scanning said portion of said network server for particular characters, said particular characters being associated with said selected protocol and removing said particular characters such that a security risk posed by said selected protocol is reduced.

Foss, however, discloses a data scanning network security system wherein portions of a network server are scanned for particular characters, said particular characters being associated with said selected protocol and removing said particular characters such that a security risk posed by said selected protocol is reduced (column 4, lines 5-50, column 5, lines 3-11 and lines 39-45, column 6, lines 20-25, column 7, lines 1-3, 48-59). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Guheen's network security system to include scanning of electronic data transfer to a server to ensure that harmful or unwanted characters do not enter a network, as per teaching of Foss (column 1, line 8-column 2, line 39).

44. The method of claim 43 further comprising restricting access to said network server for said protocol to said portion of said network server (column 17, directory services; column 276, line 34-277, line 24).

45. The method of claim 43 further comprising replacing said particular characters with benign

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characters such that a security risk posed by said selected protocol is reduced (column 272, line 30-column 259, line 30).

46. The method of claim 43 wherein said protocol comprises JavaScript (column 34, lines 10-60).

47. The method of claim 43 further comprising logging said particular characters to form a security log (column 266, lines 12-21, column 268, lines 20-36, column 286, lines 13-58).

48. The method of claim 47 further comprising reviewing said security log to determine whether said particular characters are hostile (column 273, lines 16-34; column 280, lines 19-39).

49. The method of claim 47 wherein said protection of the network server is accomplished during an electronic purchase transaction (column 251, lines 34-36).

50. The method of claim 49 wherein the electronic purchase transaction is conducted using a digital wallet (column 17, java wallet, column 261, lines 30-53).

Examiner has pointed out particular references contained in the prior arts of record in the body of this action for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings in the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested

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from the applicant, in preparing the response, to consider fully the entire references as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior arts or disclosed by the examiner.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure, US Patent 7,010,700 B1 to Foss et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley B. Bayat whose telephone number is 571-272-6704. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Fischer can be reached on 571-272-6779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner
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